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To whom it may concern:

As an American citizen and a user of many Microsoft products I am certainly happy to see that the Tunney Act is apparently heading in the right direction concerning the antitrust settlement. Though I am an engineer and not an economist, with what I have read and understand concerning this matter, I believe that our economy will benefit should this be settled. Our economy is based upon free trade; when a manufacturer makes a product that, in my opinion, is far superior to that of the competition, and a majority of the public wishes to use that product, how can the determination be made that a monopoly exists? I don't support monopolies, but when the competition's products "don't measure up," I don't feel the Microsoft situation is a monopoly. The public demands the superior product, and Microsoft makes the superior product. The Department of Justice is an entity of the American Government, and the government is here to serve the public; please serve the American people and consider settlement.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,
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